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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government are separately examining the question of exempting milk from levy of sales tax in the case of Co-operative Milk Supply Unions."

* 1612 *Q.*—Postponed to 26th March 1955.

Neyveli Lignite Project

* 1613 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to make arrangements for the members of this House to inspect the Neyveli Project Works in December 1954; and

(*b*) if so, why the proposal was given up?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The trip was postponed due to heavy rains and bad road conditions."

* 1614 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the estimated cost of the lignite project at Neyveli in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Consulting Engineers engaged by the Government of India have proposed four sets of integrated schemes for the mining, utilisation and processing of lignite, estimated to cost Rs. 29·15 crores to Rs. 85·40 crores. But the Government have not yet come to any decision on the integrated schemes to be undertaken. The further investigation of the nature of the lignite seems and the ground water conditions now in progress would help to arrive at a decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* SECURITY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LEADERS OF BEEDI WORKERS' UNIONS IN MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is there any motion under rule 40 ready? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, the Hon. the Finance Minister is ready with the answer to the motion given notice of by the hon. Member Sri C. H. Kanaran."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is *sub judice*. Therefore, no statement can be made now."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Let the House at least know what that matter is."